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## Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37)

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The Appeal Brief filed on <u>11 March 2005</u> is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 within ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

1. 🗌	The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
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- 2. Applicants must submit a correct copy of the claims on appeal as an appendix.
- 3. Applicants must submit any evidence entered and relied upon in the appeal as an appendix. If evidences were not submitted and/or not relied up on, then applicants must so state in the evidence appendix.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krishnan S Menon whose telephone number is 571-272-1143. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda L Walker can be reached on 571-272-1151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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